GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR & RD Department – Allegation of not taken any action to implement the orders of Hon'ble High Court of AP in WPNo.25303, 21149 & 25804 of 2021 dated 02.11.2021, 23.09.2021 & 8.11.2021 respectively – Notices issued in Contempt Cases No.931/2022, 2187/2021 & 934/2022 respectively to the respondents – Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri Akkineni Venkateswara Rao, Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Vijayawada under Rule-20 of APCS(CC&A)Rules, 1991 – Written Statement of Defence submitted – Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.710

Dated:20-10-2023.
Read the following:-

1) G.O.Rt.No.398 PR & RD (Vig.I) Department Dated:23.04.2022.
2) Written Statement of Defence of Sri Akkineni Venkateswara Rao, EE, PRI Division, Vijayawada dated 01.07.2022 & 10.08.2023.
3) From the Engineer-In-Chief, PR, Vijayawada Lr.No.Vig.II/635/2022, dated 14.10.2022.

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O R D E R :

In the reference 1st read above, Government have initiated disciplinary proceedings under Rule-20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against Sri Akkineni Venkateswara Rao, Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Vijayawada, on the allegation of not taken any action to implement the orders of Hon'ble High Court of AP in WPNo.25303, 21149 & 25804 of 2021 dated 02.11.2021, 23.09.2021 & 8.11.2021 respectively. He has shown deliberate negligence for uploading bills, failed to pursue the matter with the concerned to resolve the problem arising therein, resulting in severe legal complications arising in issuing notices in Form-I in Contempt Cases No.931/2022, 2187/2022 & 934/2022 respectively to the respondents by the Hon'ble High Court of A.P.,.

2. In the reference 3rd read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Vijayawada has furnished the written statement of defence of the Charged Officer Sri Akkineni Venkateswara Rao, Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Vijayawada. Wherein the Charged Officer has submitted that the works mentioned in W.Ps., are executed under MGNREGS during the Financial Year 2018-19 and 2019-20 and FTOs were generated and uploaded (through Digital Signature Key) by the then Executive Engineer Sri K. Shiva Kumar. The material component works executed under MGNREGS during the period 1.10.2018 to 31.5.2019 were verified by the Vigilance & Quality Control inspection teams. As per the Govt. guidelines the works were verified by the QC Inspection teams and were found rejected towards deficiency in quality as per the statutory provisions in vogue. The role of Executive Engineer is completed, FTO towards payment of works executed were already uploaded through online MGNREGS State Portal and the payments are to be made at Government level. As per the instructions of Chief Engineer (PR)-II, Format on court cases for which judgments delivered and to be delivered pending payments list, waiting for funds clearance in Finance

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Department, pending at EE, PAO, HOD etc., for the Court cases prepared category wise and signed copies were submitted to the Commissioner, PR & RD on 14.03.2022 for release/clearing of payments to the petitioners/Executive Agencies. The Charged Officer filed review petitions before the Hon'ble High Court of AP., enlightening the above facts after receipt of Contempt of Court notices in the said W.Ps. The Charged Officer has submitted that he obeyed the orders of Higher Authorities and attended his legitimate duties without any negligence and maintained absolute integrity and devotion to duty and requested to exonerate him from the charge. The Engineer-In-Chief, PR, Vijayawada has therefore, requested the Government to consider the case of Charged Officer sympathetically and drop charge framed against him.

3. Government, after careful examination of the matter, have decided to accept the written statement of defence of the Charged Officer and observed that the payment delay cannot be attributed to the field staff and to drop the charge against Sri Akkineni Venkateswara Rao, Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Vijayawada.

4. Accordingly, Government hereby drop further action against Sri Akkineni Venkateswara Rao, Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Vijayawada, NTR District in the matter.

5. The Engineer-In-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Vijayawada, shall take necessary further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B. RAJSEKHAR,
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
Sri Akkineni Venkateswara Rao, Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Vijayawada,
NTR District.
(Through Engineer-In-Chief, PR, Vijayawada)
The Engineer-In-Chief, PR, Vijayawada/
Copy to:
The OSD to Hon'ble Dy.C.M (PR&RD)
The PS to Spl.C.S. to Govt. PR & RD Dept.
The PR & RD (Est-I) Department.
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SECTION OFFICER